

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2-5 and 7 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 6 has been canceled.

Claims 2-7 presently stand rejected. Specifically, claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moriyama (USP 4,680,647) and claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriyama in view of Mori et al. (USP 6,208,802).

Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1-3 to recite that “the image reproducing apparatus continues to reproduce the image information, and the controller inhibits display of the image information and reports status of the image information, when the detector detects that the vehicle is not stopped.” Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims at least because there is no combination of Moriyama and Mori that would reasonably teach or suggest all of each of these amended claims.

According to the rejection of previously presented claim 6, the Examiner acknowledges that Moriyama does not disclose a means for detecting motion of an automobile. Therefore, the Examiner looked to Mori in an attempt to make up for this deficiency. However, neither Moriyama nor Mori would reasonably teaches or suggests an information recording apparatus in which the image reproducing apparatus continues to reproduce the image information, and the controller inhibits display of the image information and reports a status of the image information, when the detector detects that the vehicle is not stopped.

For example, Mori merely discloses that a reproducing mode is switched to an image reproducing mode or a sound reproducing mode in accordance with an operation state of a

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vehicle. See Mori at 21:4149. However, Mori does not teach or suggest that, in accordance with an operation state of a vehicle, an image reproducing apparatus continues to reproduce an image information while the controller inhibits display of the image information and reports a status of the image information.

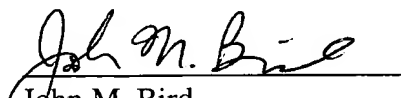
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of independent claims 2, 3, and 4, and the rejections of dependent claims 5 and 7 at least because of their dependency from claims 2, 3, and 4.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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